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"I FOUND THE GIANT IN THE SKY!"
IT'S TRUE! IE DOES EXIST! AND I'VE FOUND HIM!! BUT NOW... WHAT HAPPENS NOW??

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"IMPOSSIBLE," "RUBBISH," "FANTASIES THAT COULD NEVER HAPPEN!" THAT IS WHAT MOST PEOPLE THINK OF FAIRY TALES, BUT THAT IS BECAUSE THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN A PART OF ONE! READ MY FAIRY TALE... YOU MAY NOT BELIEVE IT... AND IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER IF YOU DON'T... BUT I KNOW IT TO BE TRUE... FOR I AM LIVING IT NOW!

ANOTHER WEEK OF TEACHING SCHOOL WAS OVER FOR ME, AND AS USUAL, BEFORE GOING HOME, I STOPPED AT THE NEARBY BOOKSTORE TO SEE IF ANY NEW BOOKS HAD COME IN...
I KNOW THEY'RE YOUR FAVORITES, PROFESSOR DUNN, SO I PUT THEM ASIDE FOR YOU!
ORIGINAL FOREIGN EDITIONS OF FAIRY TALES! WONDERFUL! I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO READ THEM!
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SINCE CHILDHOOD, BECAUSE OF MY UNATTRACTIVE APPEARANCE, I HAVE BEEN SHY WITH PEOPLE...FEARFUL OF BEING LAUGHED AT! SO, TO ESCAPE FROM THE LONELINESS, I TURNED TO READING -- FAIRY TALES IN PARTICULAR! THEY ALL HAVE HAPPY ENDINGS, WHERE EVEN THE HOMELY AND SAD COULD BE MADE HANDSOME AND HAPPY! NOW, ONCE AGAIN, I WAS SPENDING MY WEEKEND IN THE COUNTRY, LOST IN A FANTASY WORLD OF MY OWN!
"...SO THE UGLY PEASANT TURNED INTO A HANDSOME PRINCE! HE WED THE PRINCESS AND THEY LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER." ...HOW I WISH I COULD TURN INTO SOMETHING WOMEN WOULDN'T SHY AWAY FROM!
WHY TORTURE MYSELF? I'LL ALWAYS BE AS I AM-- UNWANTED! WELL, HERE'S THE TALE OF "JACK AND THE BEANSTALK"! I-- WAIT... SOMETHING FELL OUT FROM BETWEEN THE PAGES!
TWO DRIED OUT BEANS! THEY MUST HAVE BEEN INSIDE THE BOOK FOR YEARS! AND THIS BOOK -- IT'S SO OLD -- A FIRST EDITION! CAN IT BE POSSIBLE THAT--? ...OH, NO!! I MUST BE MAD! WHAT AM I THINKING!
YET, I ALWAYS BELIEVED FAIRY TALES ACTUALLY HAD A BASIS OF TRUTH IN THEM AND WERE DELIBERATELY DISGUISED AS FANTASIES! WHAT IF THESE ARE THE SAME KIND OF BEANS THAT JACK HAD? LEFT IN THIS BOOK FOR CENTURIES!
THIS IS THE VERY PLACE WHERE THE TALE OF JACK AND THE BEANSTALK IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE HAPPENED! WHAT IF THE GROUND HERE IS UNUSUALLY FERTILE? AND IF THESE ARE A STRANGE, DIFFERENT TYPE OF BEANS! OH--I DROPPED THEM!
BUT BEFORE I COULD BEND DOWN TO PICK THEM UP...
GOOD HEAVENS! ...IT CAN'T BE!! THEY'RE GROWING ALREADY!
IT -- IT'S TRUE!! THE TALE IS TRUE!!
I'M SEEING IT WITH MY OWN EYES!!
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I TOUCHED THE PLANT TO CONVINCE MYSELF THAT IT WAS REAL, AND MY HAND GOT CAUGHT BETWEEN THE TWISTING, FAST-GROWING STEMS! BEFORE I COULD PRY IT FREE, I WAS LIFTED OFF THE GROUND AND BORNE SWIFTLY SKYWARD!
I-I'M TOO HIGH TO LET GO NOW! AND IT'S GROWING UPWARDS TOO FAST TO CLIMB DOWN!
I COULD ONLY HANG ON FOR MY LIFE AS THE EVER-GROWING VINE PASSED THROUGH THICKENING CLOUD LAYERS...
THE CLOUDS ARE SO DENSE I CAN'T EVEN SEE THE VINE!
SLOWLY, THE HAZE BEGAN TO THIN OUT AND I CAUGHT SIGHT OF A DARK FORM OFF TO ONE SIDE...
IT'S TAKING SHAPE! JUST LIKE IN THE FAIRY TALE!! IT'S ALMOST BEYOND BELIEF!!
I DIDN'T REALIZE IT THEN, BUT I HAD LET GO OF THE VINE AND WAS STANDING ON THE CLOUD-- STARING AT WHAT THE CLEARING MIST REVEALED...
A CASTLE!! SO LARGE THAT IT COULD ONLY BE THE ABODE OF-- A GIANT!!
MY CURIOSITY WAS GREATER THAN ANY FEAR COULD BE, AND I ENTERED THE FORBIDDING CASTLE...
IT'S THE SAME! IT'S ALL HAPPENING TO ME JUST AS IT HAPPENED TO JACK, IN THE TALE!
THEN A SHRILL SHRIEK PIERCED THE STILLNESS, AND I FROZE IN FEAR!
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THAT NOISE!! IT DOESN'T SOUND HUMAN! IT'S COMING CLOSER!
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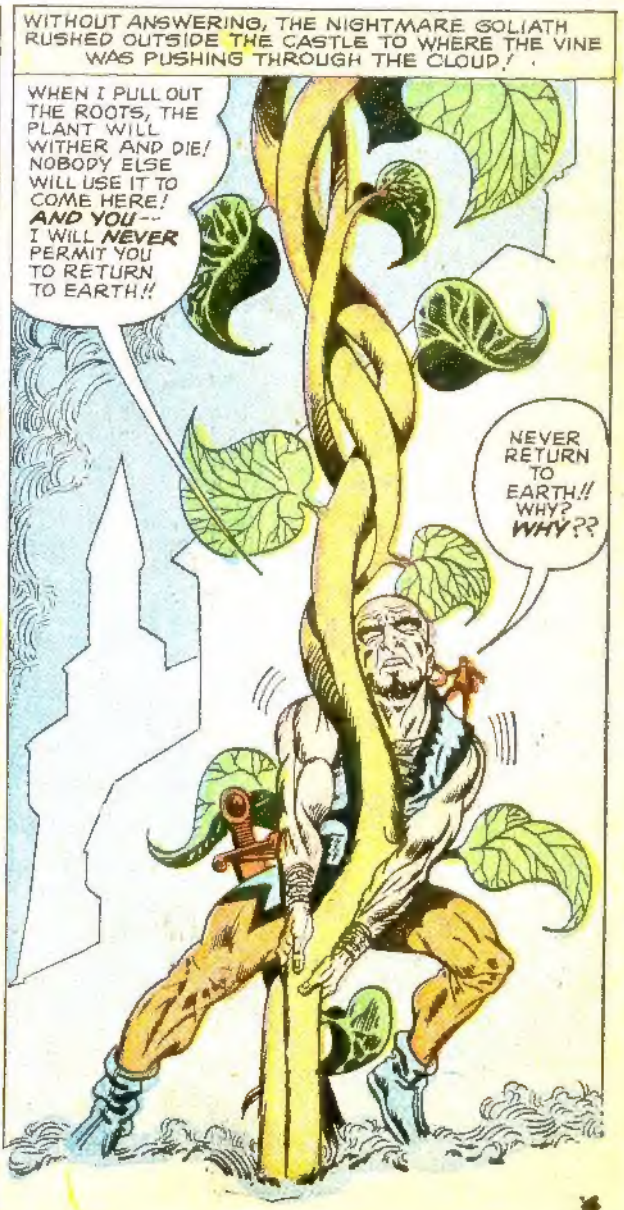
A BLACK SHAPE CAME HURTLING DOWN FROM ABOVE!!! I LOOKED UP INTO THE FACE OF...
A CAT! A MONSTROUS CAT! IT MUST THINK I'M SOME KIND OF MOUSE!

THE CREATURE SPRANG, BUT I WAS SUDDENLY SNATCHED OUT OF THE PATH OF ITS MENACING PAWS!
SOMETHING HAS ME-- IN ITS GRASP!!

AND THEN I SAW--HIM! AT ANY MOMENT I EXPECTED TO BE DASHED TO MY DOOM, BELOW!!
NO, TABBY, THIS IS NOT FOR YOU!
HOW DID YOU GET HERE, STRANGER? SPEAK UP!
TH-TH-THE VINE -- I... DROPPED SOME BEANS I FOUND... THEY GREW INTO A VINE THAT BROUGHT ME UP HERE! WH-WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?


WITHOUT ANSWERING, THE NIGHTMARE GOLIATH RUSHED OUTSIDE THE CASTLE TO WHERE THE VINE WAS PUSHING THROUGH THE CLOUD!
WHEN I PULL OUT THE ROOTS, THE PLANT WILL WITHER AND DIE! NOBODY ELSE WILL USE IT TO COME HERE! AND YOU-- I WILL NEVER PERMIT YOU TO RETURN TO EARTH!!
NEVER RETURN TO EARTH!! WHY? WHY??

NO ONE MUST EVER SUSPECT THAT I REALLY EXIST--THAT THIS LAND IS MORE THAN LEGEND!
CAN YOU IMAGINE MY FATE, IF MANKIND LEARNED OF ME?--I'D BE HUNTED DOWN AND CAPTURED BY YOUR FELLOW MEN, ARMED WITH WEAPONS EVEN I COULDN'T DEFEAT! I'D BE A PRISONER--KEPT ON DISPLAY LIKE A BEAST!!
YOU--YOU'RE NOT A FEARFUL MONSTER! YOU'RE AN INTELLIGENT BEING, CONCERNED ONLY WITH PROTECTING YOURSELF!
I HAVE NO DESIRE TO HARM ANY MORTAL! BUT I MUST PROTECT MYSELF!! AND NOW...
...I WANT YOU TO MEET ANOTHER WHO STUMBLED UPON MY DOMAIN!!
ANOTHER ?
SHE WAS AN ORPHAN ON EARTH! SHE STUMBLED ONTO MY KINGDOM WHEN SHE WAS A CHILD! I HAVE MADE HER A PRINCESS HERE... BUT SHE HAS BEEN LONELY-- HAS NEVER SEEN ANOTHER MAN!!
A REAL MAN!! AS SMALL AS I!! I NEVER DARED HOPE! SO REAL--SO ALIVE--SO HANDSOME!
HANDSOME ? THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL I EVER SAW... AND SHE THINKS I'M HANDSOME!!
IF YOU STAY HERE, YOU WILL BE MY PRINCE! THE PRINCE I HAVE DREAMT OF FOR ALL THESE YEARS!
PRINCESS, I WOULDN'T LEAVE THIS PLACE FOR ANYTHING! THAT I PROMISE YOU! THIS IS TRULY A PARADISE!
THIS IS A FAIRY TALE COME TRUE... WITH A HAPPIER ENDING THAN ALL THE OTHERS PUT TOGETHER!
BUT IT WOULD NOT REMAIN A PARADISE IF THOSE BELOW SUSPECT OUR EXISTENCE!
EVEN IF SOMEONE DID-- WHO WOULD BELIEVE HIM! I WILL PROVE IT TO YOU AND RID YOU OF YOUR FEARS OF DISCOVERY!
THE ENTIRE STORY IS IN THOSE PAGES! I WILL DROP THEM TO EARTH! THEY WILL BE FOUND, AND MEN WILL SCOFF AT THIS TALE! PROBABLY SOMEONE WILL PRINT IT IN A MAGAZINE, AS A TALE OF FANTASY! FOR MEN DON'T BELIEVE -- MANKIND NEVER BELIEVES!
THE GIANT
THE END

STRANGE ENCOUNTER

THE authorities have asked me for a complete account of my strange experience, and I trust that this narrative will serve their purpose. I have left nothing out . . . it is all written down here, from the day I planned my trip across the Atlantic, to that day when the foreign spy took me a prisoner, under circumstances which were clearly a case of mistaken identity

I arranged passage on a French liner, because I wanted to get accustomed to the French language, which was spoken on the boat by the stewards and waiters, and also the cuisine of the dining room was strictly a la Francaise, and I was anxious to taste French cooking right away. There were plenty of friendly fellow tourists traveling with me, and my cabin was shared with three other young men. One said he was from Egypt . . . he was always complaining about being seasick, although I never did see him actually sick. He did remain in his bunk quite a lot though, reading. Another roommate was an Italian musician . . . he played in a New York orchestra and was traveling to Italy to visit some of his old friends there. The third was an American college student, a nice chap, inclined to be gay and witty.

After the first day of sailing, the four of us had become quite friendly and we were exchanging information about ourselves as though it were the most natural thing in the world to reveal all. I believe this candidness about myself, including my duties in the intelligence department of the air force during the war, was the cause of all the misunderstanding and trouble which befell me a few weeks later, in Paris. But I had no way of knowing at the time that one of my cabin mates was not all he seemed to be.

When the boat arrived at Le Havre, I took the special train directly to Paris. My friends were expecting me, and we had a happy reunion at the Gare St. Lazare. We took a taxi to their home, and my eyes took in the rain-splattered streets and the glowing lights of the cafes which we passed. So this was Paris, I thought! It was my first visit.

Since I promised that this account would be a complete one, I must tell you of the happenings of the next two weeks. I had always been fascinated by the history of France, and therefore intended to see every building and contents thereof that might be connected, in any way, with the awe-inspiring history of the country. I went to Les Invalides, where I stood in silence before the tomb of Napoleon. I spent hours in the Louvre, in my estimation the greatest gallery of art in the world. Here I stood in reverence before Da Vinci's *Mona Lisa,* and was thrilled by the sight of the famous statue of the *Venus of Milo.* I passed from chamber to chamber, marveling at the wealth of paintings on exhibit there.

It was in the special chambers housing the Egyptian collection that I received my first surprise in this chain of surprises. There I spotted one of my roommates of the voyage . . . it was the Egyptian. I thought he had seen me too, but as I headed toward him, he suddenly turned a corner, and when I arrived at the spot, he had disappeared. I saw several corridors leading to various sections of the huge building, and I had no way of knowing which one he had taken. So I continued my solitary walk through the museum.

I must mention at this point that I had become friendly with a neighbor of my friends, who often dropped in to have coffee with us. This man was named Andre Corday, and he was a member of the French Surete, or secret police

Many of the night clubs of Paris are to be found in the Montmartre section, and one evening my friends took me to a club in this artistic section of the city. As we sat at a table, I was suddenly surprised to see my cabin mate, the Egyptian, standing in the doorway leading to the rear terrace of the club. Again I thought he must have seen me, and I headed toward him. He turned quickly and disappeared down

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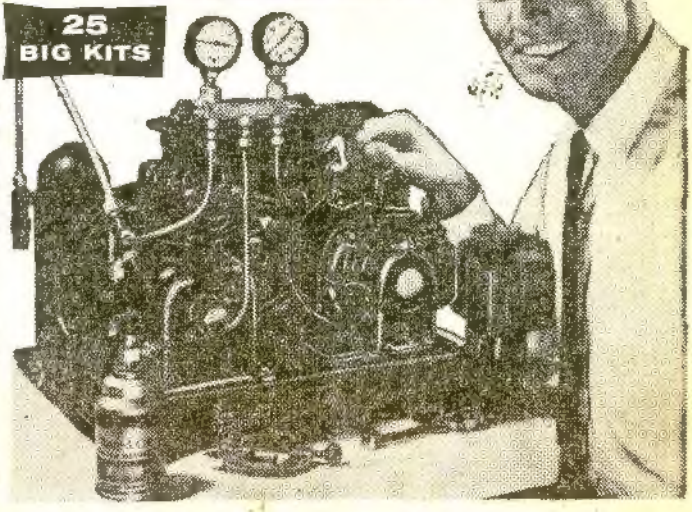

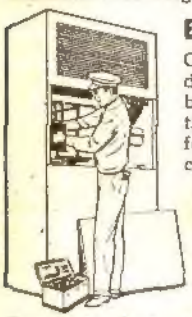

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I WAS A PRISONER OF THE... APE CREATURES!

I HAD FALLEN INTO THE TRAP! I HAD TRAVELED THOUSANDS OF MILES INTO TIBET TO STEAL THE WORLD'S LARGEST DIAMOND, WHICH WAS HOUSED IN A MYSTERIOUS IDOL! BUT AS I SEIZED THE DIAMOND, A STRANGE GAS FILLED THE ROOM... AND I LOST CONSCIOUSNESS! WHEN I CAME TO, I LEARNED THAT THE IDOL WAS ACTUALLY A DISGUISED ROCKET SHIP... AND THAT I WAS BEING TAKEN TO AN *ALIEN PLANET!*

ACCORDING TO THESE RECORDS THE SHIP IS TAKING ME TO THE PLANET, "SUPERIUS REX"... FOR SCIENTIFIC STUDY!

THEY ALSO SAID THERE WAS A CHANCE THE SHIP MIGHT *NOT* MAKE IT THERE, AND THAT'S WHY THEY SET THIS KIND OF TRAP! IF THEY WERE GOING TO ENDANGER THE LIFE OF AN EARTHMAN, THEY WANTED TO MAKE SURE HE WAS AN UNDESIRABLE ONE, SUCH AS A THIEF!

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TENSE, AGONIZING WEEKS PASSED, DURING WHICH THE ROCKET SHIP SPANNED THE UNIVERSE!... AND THEN...

THE IDOL... IT FEELS LIKE IT'S NOW IN SOME GRAVITATIONAL FIELD... LIKE IT'S COMING IN FOR A LANDING!

THIS MUST BE IT... I'VE REACHED "SUPERIUS REX"!

THE SHIP LANDED... AND I WAITED BREATHLESSLY AS THE AUTOMATIC DOOR SLID OPEN...

IN A MINUTE, I'LL BE MEETING THEM... THE ADVANCED, SUPERIOR RACE THAT BROUGHT ME HERE...

BUT WHEN I STEPPED FROM THE IDOL...

GOOD HEAVENS! I MUST'VE LANDED ON SOME *OTHER* PLANET! THIS PLACE COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE "SUPERIUS REX"!!

I'VE LANDED IN SOME KIND OF JUNGLE... WHERE SAVAGES LIVE! A FAR CRY FROM THE KIND OF INTELLIGENCE THAT BUILT THIS ROCKET SHIP!

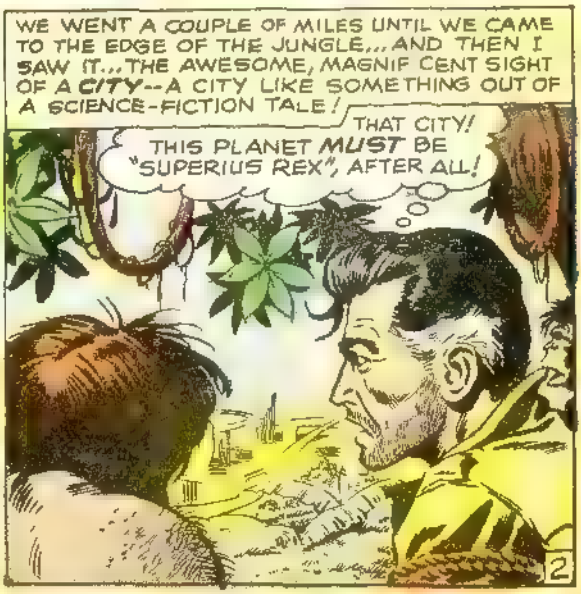
AND THAT'S A BREAK FOR ME! MAYBE HERE I'LL HAVE IT MADE! IT OUGHT TO BE EASY TO FOOL THESE SIMPLE PEOPLE... TO CONVINCE THEM THAT I'M SOME SORT OF GOD!
I'LL HAVE 'EM EATING OUT OF MY HAND!

AND SO, I MADE LIKE A GRADE B HOLLYWOOD THRILLER...
ON YOUR KNEES, MISERABLE MORTALS! ... KNEEL BEFORE THE GREAT GOD, DUNSTAN! I'VE COME FROM THE HEAVENS TO GRACE YOUR PLANET WITH MY SACRED PRESENCE!

BUT THE SAVAGES WERE NOT IMPRESSED! IN FACT...
THEY DON'T BELIEVE ME! THEY PROBABLY DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND ME! THEY'RE COMING CLOSER! I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THEIR FACES!
STAY BACK! BACK, I SAY!

THERE WAS A BRIEF STRUGGLE...
DON'T!! STOP!! OW...

AND WHEN IT WAS OVER...
I'M THEIR PRISONER! THEY'RE PUSHING ME SOMEWHERE—PROBABLY TO SOME CAVE THEY LIVE IN!
NO TELLIN' WHAT'S GONNA 'HAPPEN IF I DON'T THINK OF SOMETHING FAST!


WE WENT A COUPLE OF MILES UNTIL WE CAME TO THE EDGE OF THE JUNGLE... AND THEN I SAW IT... THE AWESOME, MAGNIFICENT SIGHT OF A CITY--A CITY LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A SCIENCE-FICTION TALE!
THAT CITY! THIS PLANET MUST BE "SUPERIUS REX", AFTER ALL!

UPON ENTERING THE CITY...
THESE PEOPLE... THEY ALL LOOK LIKE PREHISTORIC HUMANS... BUT IF THEY HAVE A CIVILIZATION LIKE THIS, THEY MUST BE A LOT SMARTER THAN THEY LOOK!
BUT THE FUNNY THING IS, I DON'T HEAR ANYBODY TALKING! HOW IN BLAZES DO THEY COMMUNICATE??
THEY BROUGHT ME TO A HOSPITAL AND THERE I WAS UNTIED... AND IT WAS A FEW MINUTES LATER WHEN IT STARTED TO HAPPEN...
FUNNY--I'M GETTING SOME KIND OF MENTAL IMAGES... LIKE I'M INTERCEPTING SOMEBODY'S THOUGHT WAVES! HOLY SMOKE-- THAT'S WHAT IT IS! IT TOOK ALL THIS TIME FOR ME TO BECOME RECEPTIVE TO THEM AND NOW I KNOW!
THEY MUST COMMUNICATE BY MENTAL TELEPATHY!
SOON I WAS ABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE DOCTORS WERE SAYING...
WE'LL SET THIS EARTHLING UP FOR A COMPLETE SCIENTIFIC EXAMINATION!
YES, WE'LL MAKE A THOROUGH STUDY OF HIM! WE'LL LEARN EXACTLY HOW HE'S CONSTRUCTED!
IT WILL TEACH US A LOT ABOUT ALIEN LIFE FORMS IN THE UNIVERSE!
A CHILL WENT THROUGH ME AS I IMAGINED WHAT THIS WOULD BE LIKE! I KNEW ENOUGH ABOUT SUCH EXAMINATIONS BACK ON EARTH TO REALIZE I WASN'T A GOOD INSURANCE RISK AT THAT MOMENT!
IN A FIT OF BLIND PANIC, I RAN FROM THE ROOM!
I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF THIS PLACE... FAST!
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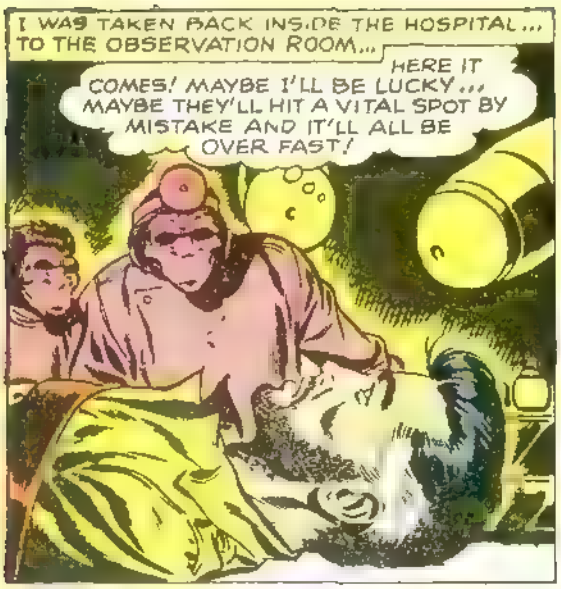
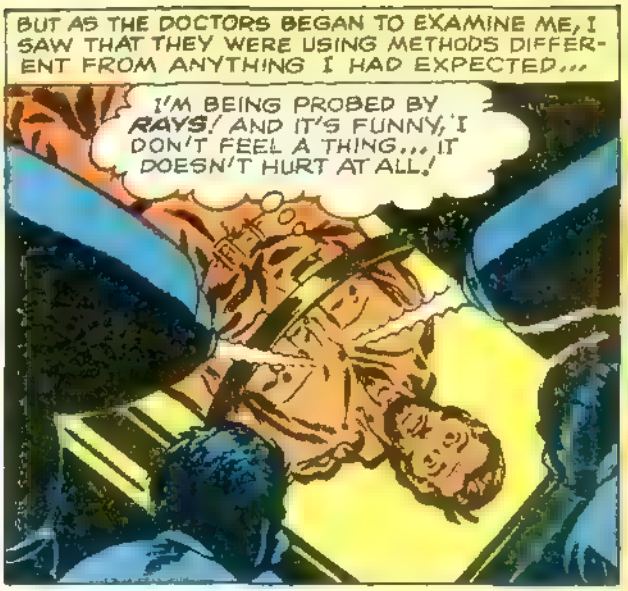
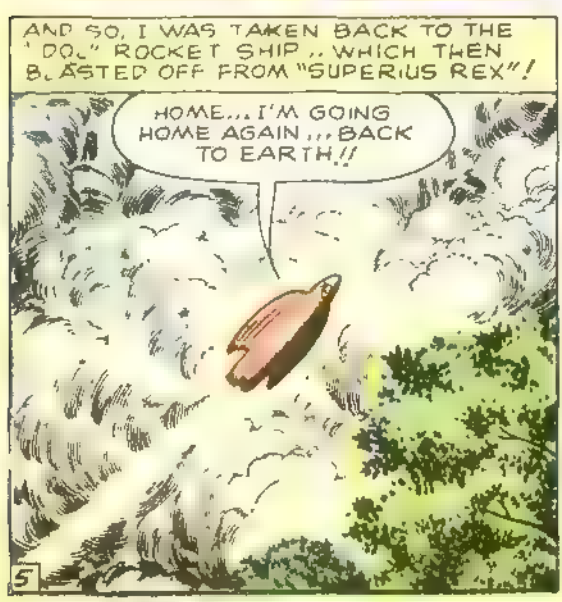
I RACED ALONG THE CORRIDOR, BUT BEFORE I COULD GET FAR, AN ALARM SOUNDED WHICH SET OFF A FORCE FIELD IN FRONT OF ME!
IT'S NO USE! I CAN'T PENETRATE THIS THING! I'M TRAPPED! ...UNLESS...
THAT WINDOW... IT'S MY ONLY CHANCE!
IT'S TOO HIGH UP... AND THEY'RE WAITING FOR ME DOWN THERE!
AT THAT MOMENT, TREMBLING WITH FEAR AND UNCERTAINTY, I LOST MY FOOTING, AND...
BUT IN MID-AIR, SOMETHING SUDDENLY HIT ME! IT ENGULFED ME...AND HELD ME MOTIONLESS, SUSPENDED ABOVE THE CROWD BELOW...!
THEN, GRADUALLY IT BROUGHT ME DOWN TO THE GROUND...
...WHERE I WAS AGAIN CAPTURED!
I DON'T HAVE A CHANCE WITH YOU JOKERS, DO I?!! ALL RIGHT, DO YOUR WORST!!


I WAS TAKEN BACK INSIDE THE HOSPITAL... TO THE OBSERVATION ROOM...
HERE IT COMES! MAYBE I'LL BE LUCKY... MAYBE THEY'LL HIT A VITAL SPOT BY MISTAKE AND IT'LL ALL BE OVER FAST!


BUT AS THE DOCTORS BEGAN TO EXAMINE ME, I SAW THAT THEY WERE USING METHODS DIFFERENT FROM ANYTHING I HAD EXPECTED...
I'M BEING PROBED BY RAYS! AND IT'S FUNNY, I DON'T FEEL A THING... IT DOESN'T HURT AT ALL!

MINUTES PASSED WHILE THE EXAMINATION CONTINUED... WHILE RAYS KEPT BOMBARDING ME AND INSTRUMENTS RECORDED THE FINDINGS ..!
WHAT A FOOL I WAS! I SHOULD'VE REALIZED THAT SUCH AN ADVANCED RACE WOULDN'T USE THE CRUDE METHODS WE HAVE ON EARTH, TO EXAMINE AN ALIEN BEING! THEY'D USE ELECTRONIC RAYS -- LIKE THE RAY THAT BLOCKED MY ESCAPE AND CAUGHT ME IN MID-AIR!

FINALLY, IT WAS OVER!
I'M AFRAID THIS HUMAN TURNED OUT TO BE QUITE A DISAPPOINTMENT!
YES, HE'S NOT NEARLY AS INTRICATE OR INTELLIGENT A CREATURE AS WE'D SUPPOSED... AS A MATTER OF FACT, HIS RACE MUST BE ONE OF THE MORE INFERIOR ONES IN THE UNIVERSE!
WE MIGHT AS WELL SEND HIM BACK TO HIS OWN PLANET! HE'S WORTHLESS TO US!


AND SO, I WAS TAKEN BACK TO THE "DOC" ROCKET SHIP .. WHICH THEN BLASTED OFF FROM "SUPERIUS REX"!
HOME... I'M GOING HOME AGAIN ... BACK TO EARTH!!
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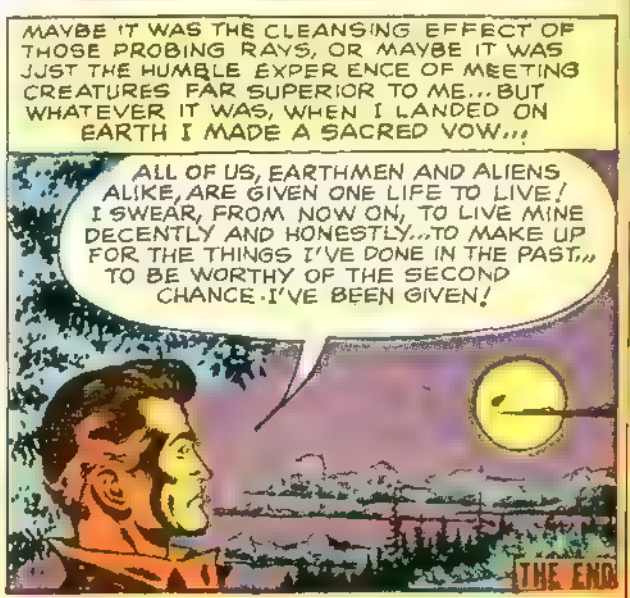
MAYBE IT WAS THE CLEANSING EFFECT OF THOSE PROBING RAYS, OR MAYBE IT WAS JUST THE HUMBLE EXPERIENCE OF MEETING CREATURES FAR SUPERIOR TO ME... BUT WHATEVER IT WAS, WHEN I LANDED ON EARTH I MADE A SACRED VOW...
ALL OF US, EARTHMEN AND ALIENS ALIKE, ARE GIVEN ONE LIFE TO LIVE! I SWEAR, FROM NOW ON, TO LIVE MINE DECENTLY AND HONESTLY...TO MAKE UP FOR THE THINGS I'VE DONE IN THE PAST... TO BE WORTHY OF THE SECOND CHANCE I'VE BEEN GIVEN!
THE END

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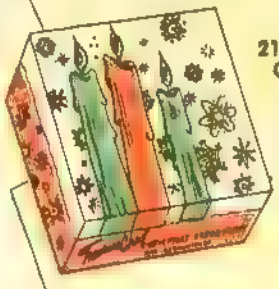

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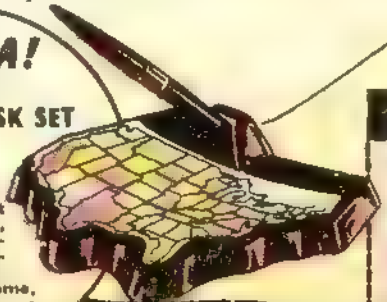

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I CAN LIVE FOREVER!

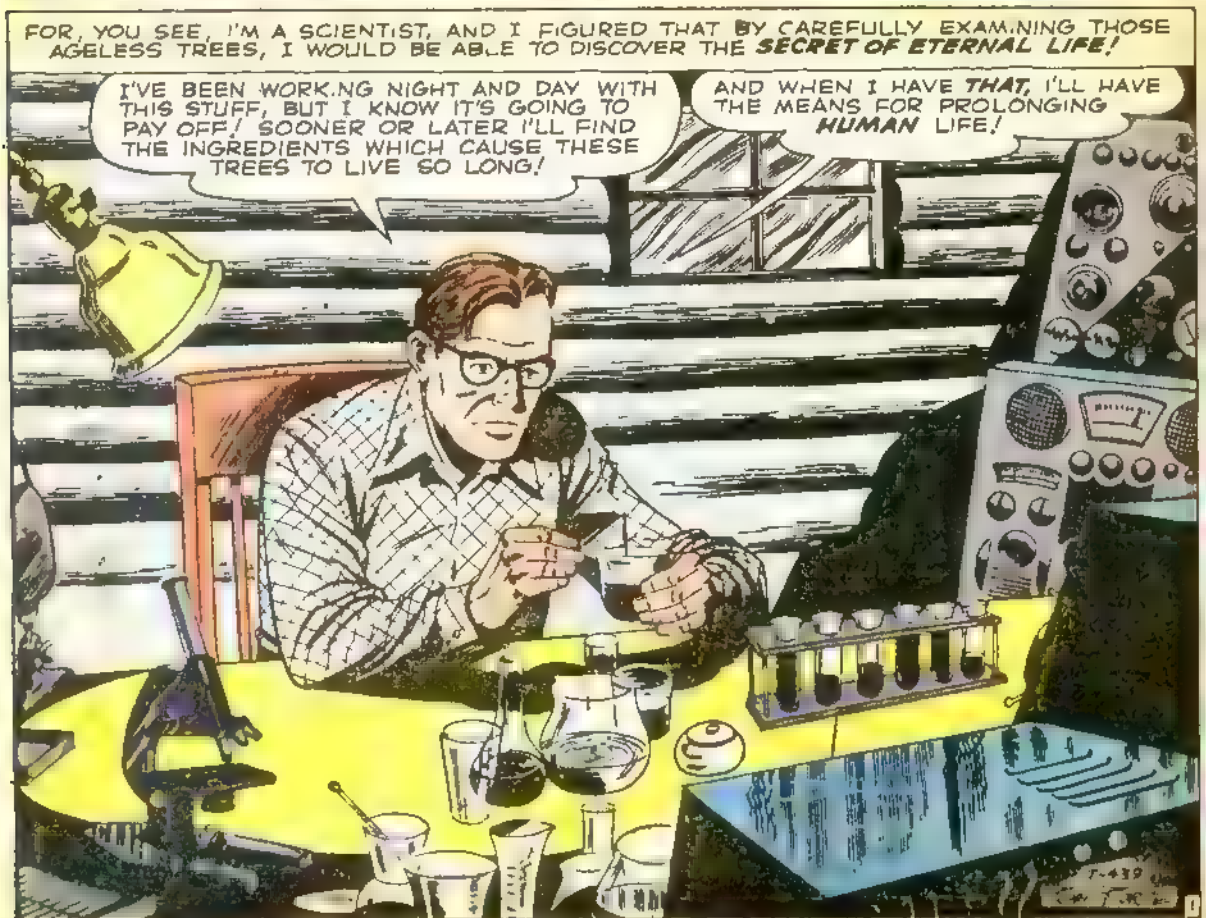
AS SOON AS I GOT THE ***IDEA***, I TALKED MARGE INTO MOVING OUT TO CALIFORNIA! WE RENTED A LARGE CABIN ON THE EDGE OF THE REDWOOD FOREST!

DURING THE SIX MONTHS WE WERE THERE, I MADE COUNTLESS TESTS AND STUDIES OF THE GIANT ***SEQUOIA REDWOODS*** -- THE OLDEST LIVING THINGS ON EARTH!

FOR, YOU SEE, I'M A SCIENTIST, AND I FIGURED THAT BY CAREFULLY EXAMINING THOSE AGELESS TREES, I WOULD BE ABLE TO DISCOVER THE ***SECRET OF ETERNAL LIFE!***

I'VE BEEN WORKING NIGHT AND DAY WITH THIS STUFF, BUT I KNOW IT'S GOING TO PAY OFF! SOONER OR LATER I'LL FIND THE INGREDIENTS WHICH CAUSE THESE TREES TO LIVE SO LONG!

AND WHEN I HAVE ***THAT,*** I'LL HAVE THE MEANS FOR PROLONGING ***HUMAN*** LIFE!



HOWEVER, WITH EACH PASSING DAY, MY WIFE GREW MORE CONVINCED THAT I SHOULD GIVE UP MY PROJECT!
HENRY, LET'S GIVE UP THIS WHOLE IDEA AND GO BACK HOME! WHAT YOU'RE DOING-- IT'S WRONG-- AND IT COULD BE DANGEROUS!
DON'T BE SILLY, MARGE! THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF! I'M NOT MAKING EXPLOSIVES... I'M LOOKING FOR AN ELIXIR OF LIFE! AND WHEN I FIND IT, MAN WILL HAVE THE GREATEST DISCOVERY OF ALL TIME!
BUT, HENRY, YOU'RE TAMPERING WITH BASIC FORCES OF NATURE, AND IT ISN'T RIGHT! IF MAN WERE MEANT TO LIVE FOREVER, HE WOULD'VE BEEN BORN THAT WAY!
YEAH AND IF HE WERE MEANT TO FLY, HE'D HAVE WINGS! BUT THAT DIDN'T STOP THE INVENTION OF THE AIRPLANE! NO, MARGE, WHAT I'M DOING IS JUST ANOTHER STEP IN THE MARCH OF SCIENCE!
AND SO I CONTINUED TO DRAW SAP AND OTHER VASCULAR FLUIDS FROM THE TREES...
AND I SUBJECTED THEM TO ALL KINDS OF TESTS AND EXAMINATIONS, UNTIL FINALLY--
I'VE GOT IT! AT LAST I'VE ARRIVED AT THE RIGHT CHEMICAL MIXTURE!
I DON'T KNOW HOW IT DOES IT, BUT I'M CERTAIN THIS POTION CONTAINS THE ELEMENTS THAT MAKE THE REDWOODS LIVE SO LONG!
AND THIS COMPOUND IS THE ANTIDOTE TO THE POTION! BUT WHO WANTS AN ANTIDOTE TO EVERLASTING LIFE!!
I HURRIEDLY TOLD MARGE THE GOOD NEWS!
...AND I'M GOING TO DRINK THAT POTION, MARGE! JUST THINK-- I'LL BE THE FIRST HUMAN TO LIVE FOREVER!
NO, HENRY, DON'T! PLEASE-- FOR MY SAKE, DON'T DO IT!! I'M SO AFRAID SOMETHING AWFUL WILL HAPPEN..!
BAH!! YOU JUST CAN'T GET OVER YOUR CHILDISH FEARS, CAN YOU?! WELL, AFTER I'VE DONE IT-- MAYBE THEN YOU'LL REALIZE THE GREATNESS OF MY DISCOVERY!
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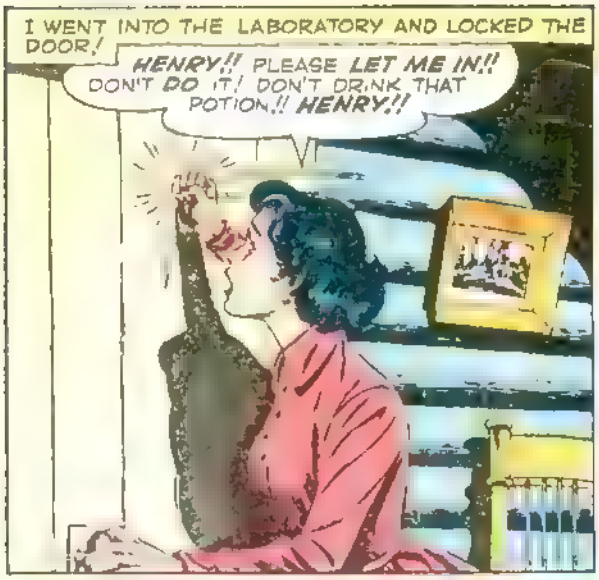
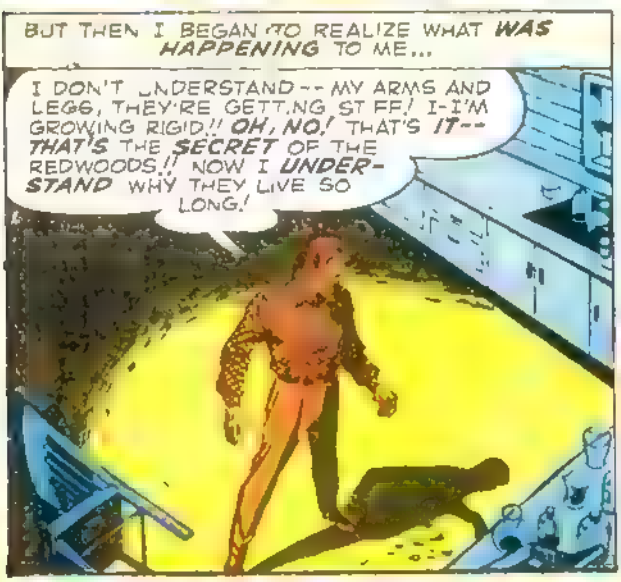

I WENT INTO THE LABORATORY AND LOCKED THE DOOR!
HENRY!! PLEASE LET ME IN!! DON'T DO IT! DON'T DRINK THAT POTION!! HENRY!!

MARGE'S PLEADING FELL UPON DEAF EARS, AND SO IN DESPERATION...
THE POLICE! I MUST CALL THE POLICE! HE'LL DESTROY HIMSELF UNLESS HE'S STOPPED IN TIME!!

I PREPARED THE POTION

AND WHEN IT WAS READY FOR HUMAN ASSIMILATION...
NOW, THE ELEMENTS THAT SUSTAIN THE LIFE OF THE REDWOODS, WILL ACT UPON ME!

IT TOOK ONLY SECONDS AFTER I DRANK IT, FOR THE MIXTURE TO START AFFECTING ME...
IT'S WORKING! I CAN FEEL IT--I CAN FEEL MYSELF CHANGING!


BUT THEN I BEGAN TO REALIZE WHAT WAS HAPPENING TO ME...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND--MY ARMS AND LEGS, THEY'RE GETTING STIFF! I-I'M GROWING RIGID!! OH, NO! THAT'S IT--THAT'S THE SECRET OF THE REDWOODS!! NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY THEY LIVE SO LONG!

MEANWHILE, MARGE TRIED TO GET THE POLICE...
BUT YOU MUST COME RIGHT AWAY! PLEASE! HE'S GOT THE DOOR LOCKED AND I CAN'T GET IN THERE TO STOP HIM!
LOOK, LADY, YOU SAY YOUR HUSBAND'S A SCIENTIST! WELL, HE PROBABLY KNOWS WHAT HE'S DO MAYBE YOU'RE GETTING UPSET OVER NOTHING!
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AT THAT VERY MOMENT...
THOSE TREES, THEY LIVE FOREVER--BUT THEY PAY FOR IT!! THEY PAY TOO HIGH A PRICE FOR THEIR IMMORTALITY!!
AND EVERLASTING LIFE WILL COST ME THE SAME, TOO!!
I MUSTN'T--I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!! BUT--WHAT IF IT'S TOO LATE TO STOP???
AND SO, AS MARGE FINALLY PERSUADED THE POLICE TO COME...
ALRIGHT, MA'AM, KEEP CALM! WE'LL BE RIGHT OVER!
I MADE A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO REACH THE POTION'S ANTIDOTE...
HARD TO MOVE... BUT I HAVE TO DO IT! I HAVE TO DRINK THAT ANTIDOTE BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE! IF I CAN ONLY DRINK IT IN TIME!!
AND MIRACULOUSLY...
GOT IT! AND NOW...
A FEW MINUTES LATER, I CAME OUT OF THE LABORATORY!
HENRY...THANK HEAVENS, YOU'RE ALIVE!! YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!! OH, I WAS SO TERRIBLY WORRIED!!
MARGE, I NEVER REALIZED--THE TREES--THEY LIVE SO LONG BECAUSE... ...THEY CAN'T MOVE!!!
WE HUMANS THINK AND MOVE AND ACT, AND EXPEND OUR LIFE FORCE AT A FAST RATE--BUT THE REDWOODS, BY DOING NO MORE THAN MERELY EXISTING, CONSERVE THEIR ENERGY AND LIVE FOREVER!
AND WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVED...
I'M SORRY, OFFICER! I WAS A FOOL AND I ALMOST LOST THE MOST PRECIOUS THING IN THE WORLD--THE ABILITY TO MOVE! TO BE PRODUCTIVE! WITHOUT THAT, MY IMMORTALITY WOULD BE WORTHLESS!
OKAY, MAC, BUT FROM HERE ON IN, BE CAREFUL, HUH! STICK TO SAFE, EVERYDAY THINGS--LIKE EXPLOSIVES AND ROCKETS!
THE END
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MY NEIGHBOR'S SECRET!

I'VE LIVED IN THE SMALL DESERT TOWN OF SAN PLERES ALL MY LIFE
ONLY A COUPLE DAYS LATER WHEN HE STARTED TO BUILD... IT!
THERE HE IS. I TOLD
I SEE
BOAT!
THE LAST THING ANYONE WOULD NEED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DESERT!

HEY, SAM, MAYBE YOUR NEW NEIGHBOR DOESN'T KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WATER AND SAND!
WELL, HE'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH WHEN HE TRIES TO FLOAT THAT THING!
LET'S GO OVER AND ASK HIM WHY HE'S KNOCKING HIMSELF OUT?
OKAY, ONLY DON'T GET TOO CLOSE TO HIM! A JOKER LIKE THAT IS LIKELY TO GET VIOLENT!
SAY MAC MY FRIENDS AND I HAVE BEEN WATCHING YOU, AND WE WERE WONDERING WHY YOU'RE BUILDING A BOAT OUT HERE IN THE DESERT??!
I'M BUILDING THIS 'CAUSE YOU NEVER CAN TELL WHEN THERE MIGHT BE A CHANCE TO USE IT!
BUT THERE ISN'T A LAKE OR A RIVER WITHIN FIVE HUNDRED MILES OF HERE! ASIDE FROM A FEW SUMMER SHOWERS, THIS PLACE HAS THE LOWEST RAINFALL IN THE WEST!
YES, I KNOW! BUT AS I SAY, YOU NEVER CAN TELL...
NEVER CAN TELL?!!! MAC, THE DAY YOU USE THAT BOAT HERE, PEOPLE WILL BE ICE SKATING IN THE EQUATOR!
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AS THE OLD GEEZER CONTINUED TO BUILD HIS BOAT, HE BECAME THE TALK OF SAN PUERES...
--AND OUR TOWN'S NEWEST CITIZEN SEEMS TO BE EITHER A SAILOR WITH A VERY POOR SENSE OF DIRECTION--OR A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR!
STATION KYZ
HARDLY A DAY WENT BY WHEN CROWDS DIDN'T GATHER TO WATCH AND RIDICULE HIM...
WHEN DO YA THINK HE'LL BE FINISHED WITH THAT THING?
I DON'T KNOW BUT I HOPE IT'S SOON! I WANTA ASK HIM TO TAKE ME FOR A BOAT RIDE!
MAYBE WE SHOULD ALL START BUILDING BOATS! WE CAN FORM A YACHT CLUB!
THEN, A WEEK AGO...
HEY! IT'S STARTING TO RAIN!
IT'S NOTHING BUT ONE OF OUR USUAL SUMMER DRIZZLES! IT'LL BE OVER IN A FEW MINUTES!
BUT THE DRIZZLE SOON BECAME A SHOWER, AND...
IT'S REALLY COMING DOWN NOW! WE BETTER GET INDOORS!
WE'LL COME BACK AS SOON AS IT STOPS!
I CAN'T STOP NOW! NOT FOR ANYTHING!
I GUESS IT FIGURES THAT ANY GUY WHO'D BUILD A BOAT IN THE DESERT, WOULDN'T HAVE SENSE ENOUGH TO COME IN OUTA THE RAIN!
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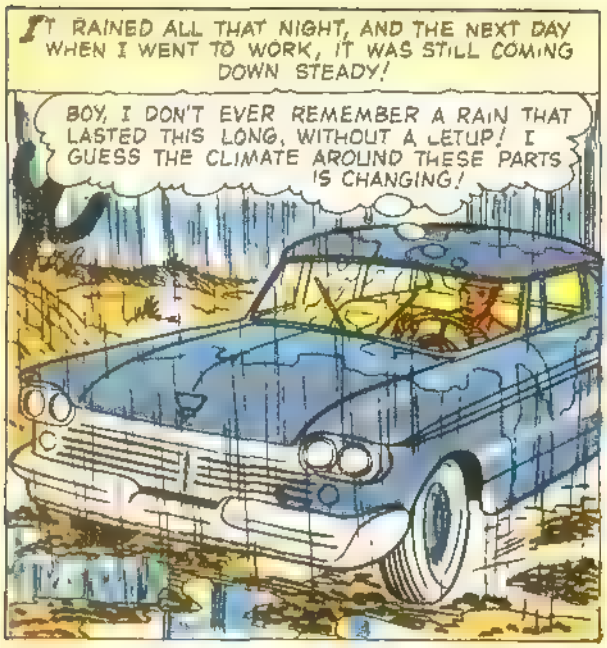
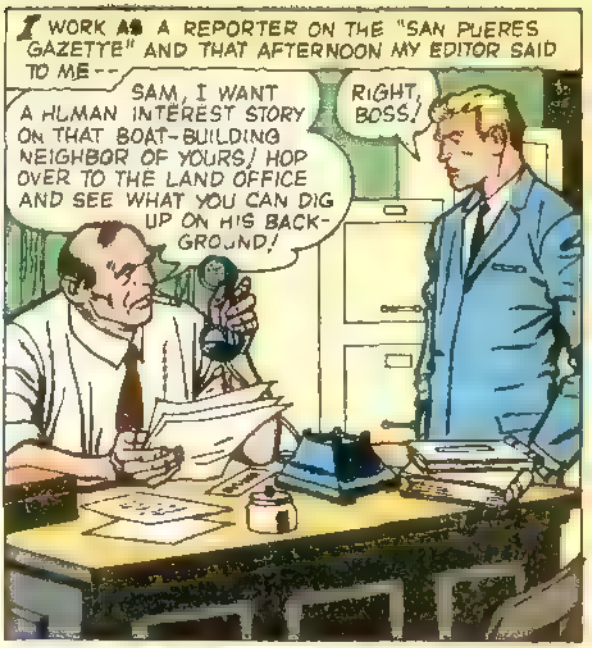
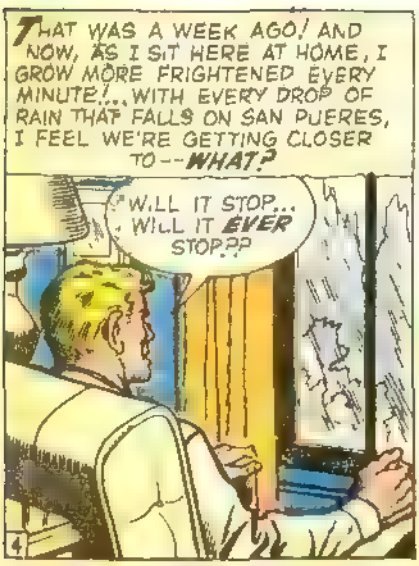

IT RAINED ALL THAT NIGHT, AND THE NEXT DAY WHEN I WENT TO WORK, IT WAS STILL COMING DOWN STEADY!
BOY, I DON'T EVER REMEMBER A RAIN THAT LASTED THIS LONG, WITHOUT A LETUP! I GUESS THE CLIMATE AROUND THESE PARTS IS CHANGING!


I WORK AS A REPORTER ON THE "SAN PUERES GAZETTE" AND THAT AFTERNOON MY EDITOR SAID TO ME--
SAM, I WANT A HUMAN INTEREST STORY ON THAT BOAT-BUILDING NEIGHBOR OF YOURS! HOP OVER TO THE LAND OFFICE AND SEE WHAT YOU CAN DIG UP ON HIS BACK-GROUND!
RIGHT, BOSS!

WHAT A TIME TO BE OUT-OF-DOORS! IT'S RAINING EVEN HARDER THAN IT WAS THIS MORNING!
LAND OFFICE

WHEN I GOT TO THE LAND OFFICE, I SEARCHED THROUGH THE RECORDS UNTIL I CAME TO THE ITEM ABOUT MY NEIGHBOR! IT WAS A PAGE THAT CONTAINED ONLY ONE PIECE OF INFORMATION... AND AS I LOOKED AT IT, I COULD FEEL MY FINGERS TREMBLE!
NO... IT CAN'T BE! IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE...!


THAT WAS A WEEK AGO! AND NOW, AS I SIT HERE AT HOME, I GROW MORE FRIGHTENED EVERY MINUTE!... WITH EVERY DROP OF RAIN THAT FALLS ON SAN PUERES, I FEEL WE'RE GETTING CLOSER TO--WHAT?
WILL IT STOP... WILL IT EVER STOP??
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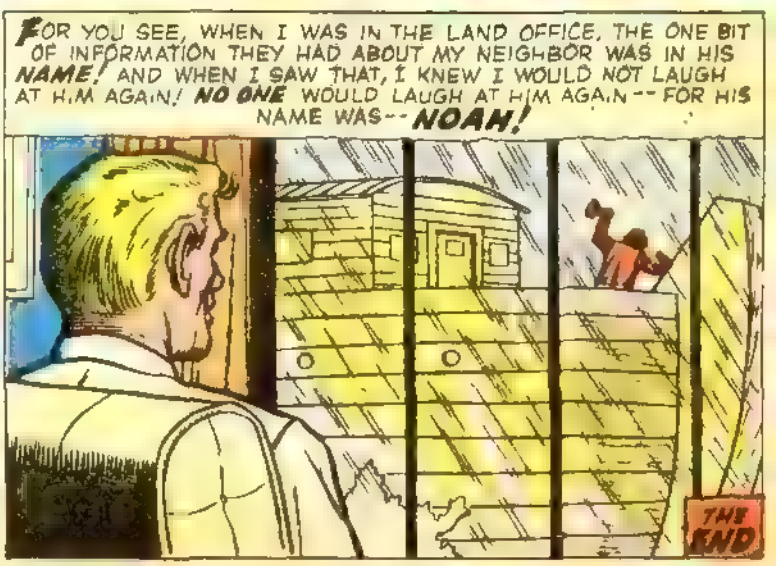
FOR YOU SEE, WHEN I WAS IN THE LAND OFFICE, THE ONE BIT OF INFORMATION THEY HAD ABOUT MY NEIGHBOR WAS IN HIS NAME! AND WHEN I SAW THAT, I KNEW I WOULD NOT LAUGH AT HIM AGAIN! NO ONE WOULD LAUGH AT HIM AGAIN -- FOR HIS NAME WAS--NOAH!
THE END

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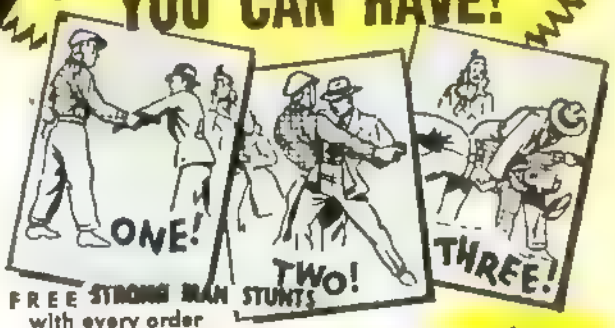

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the corridor leading to the rear outdoor terrace. This time, I was determined to corner him and ask him about his apparent unwillingness to speak to me.

But I never reached the terrace. As I passed through the corridor, I felt two strong arms lift me and drag me into a supply room. In the dimly-lit room, the Egyptian was standing opposite me, staring at me . . . no one else was present.

"What's the big idea?" I asked him. "And what are you doing in Paris? You said, on the boat, that you were going right on to Cairo."

He smiled. "Fool! Why should I go to Cairo, when I am not even an Egyptian? Yes, I lied to you . . . I knew my dark features would pass me as a native of that country. I am really from . . . well, from behind the Iron Curtain!"

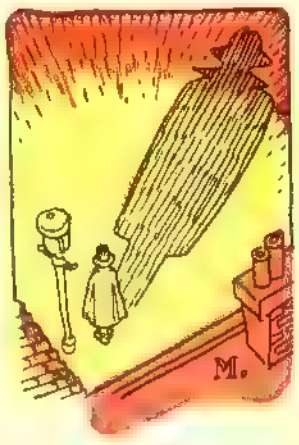
My expression must have told him I was still puzzled, so he continued to explain. "Since you will be disposed of after I get certain secret information from you, I can tell you . . . I heard you speak of your intelligence work, on the boat coming over. Very careless of you, I must say. So now you will turn over to me the intelligence reports you are carrying on your person."

I still wasn't sure I understood what it was all about. "I spoke of the intelligence work I did during the war, in North Africa. That was years ago. Now I am just a writer, living in New York. I have no association with the American government now. You must be greatly misinformed about your facts."

The spy was no longer smiling. "You are lying! *We* were told that a courier would be traveling on that boat, bringing important papers to Allied headquarters in Paris. I deemed myself fortunate to have been assigned a bunk in the cabin of the very man I was supposed to follow. You *are* that man!"

I remembered about the Louvre. "Then you were purposely following me, when I saw you in the Louvre? And you followed me here, to this club. Aren't you afraid of my friends? They are seated outside, and I only have to shout . . ."

The spy drew a gun. "Enough time has been wasted in talk," he said. "Give me the papers you



carry in your pocket. I have been watching you day and night, and I know you have not yet delivered them to Allied headquarters."

This case of mistaken identity had gone far enough, and I knew the spy would use the gun if I didn't produce the papers he was asking for . . . and how *could* I produce papers which did not exist, as far as *I* was concerned? I stood ready to leap at the spy, hoping to disarm him before he could fire. But he anticipated my move, and aimed his gun more carefully at me.

Suddenly, the door of the supply room burst open; a shot was fired before I could see who had entered, and the spy dropped his gun and held his wrist which was stinging from the contact of the intruder's bullet with the spy's gun. I finally noticed who my benefactor was . . . it was Andre Corday, of the French police.

The rest of the story is already recorded in the files of the police authorities. Andre took the spy to headquarters and my friends and I followed in a taxi. There, Andre explained everything to me. There had indeed been a courier on the boat . . . but he had already delivered his secret papers to Allied headquarters. The spy had mistaken *me* all along as the man he was to follow, just because he had misunderstood my account of my wartime work in intelligence. The French police were well aware of the spy's background, and *they* were following *him*, hoping he would bring his intentions out in the open, so they could arrest him and hold him. They knew he was following *me*, and so Andre himself was keeping an extra-protective eye on me, to save me from harm and capture the spy at work.

Well, that is the story as I know it from my own experiences in the matter. Now that the spy is locked up and out of circulation, I trust that the authorities will give me leave to continue my sight-seeing of this beautiful city of Paris. And if the police would be so kind as to "lend" me the services of my good friend-in-need Andre Corday as a guide to the wonders of your great city, I shall be eternally grateful, messieurs!

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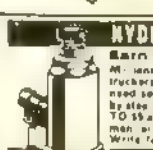

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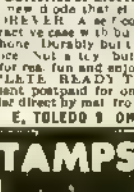

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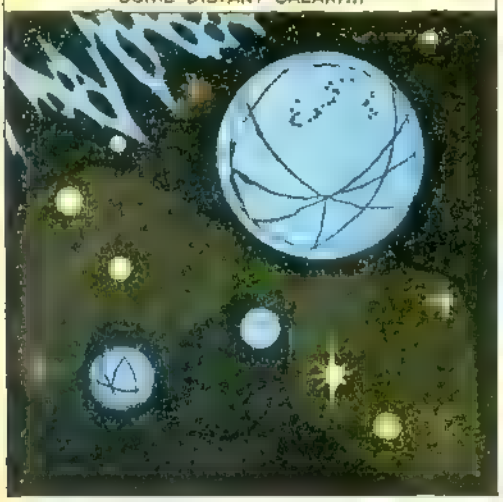
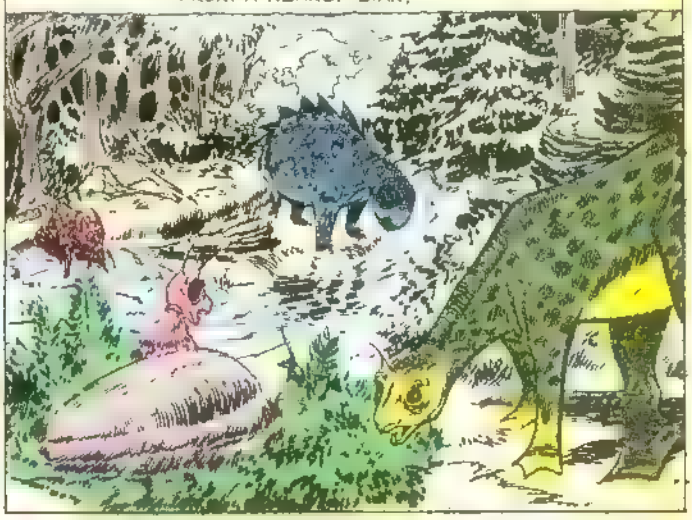
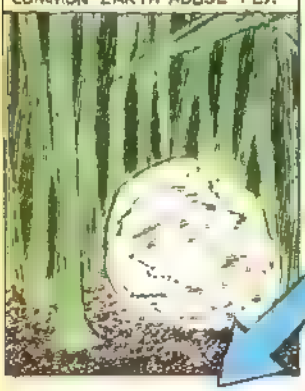
I HAD THE DREAM AGAIN LAST NIGHT! THE SAME ONE I'VE HAD THRU THESE MANY YEARS! IT ALWAYS BEGINS WITH THAT PLANET--THAT PLANET WHICH SPINS IN A REMOTE PART OF SOME DISTANT GALAXY...



THE PLANET IS A LUSH AND PRIMITIVE WORLD VERY MUCH LIKE OUR EARTH IN ITS EARLY DAYS! IT HAS MANY KINDS OF ANIMALS, WHICH LIVE IN ITS DENSE FORESTS, AND BASK IN THE LIGHT FROM A NEARBY STAR!

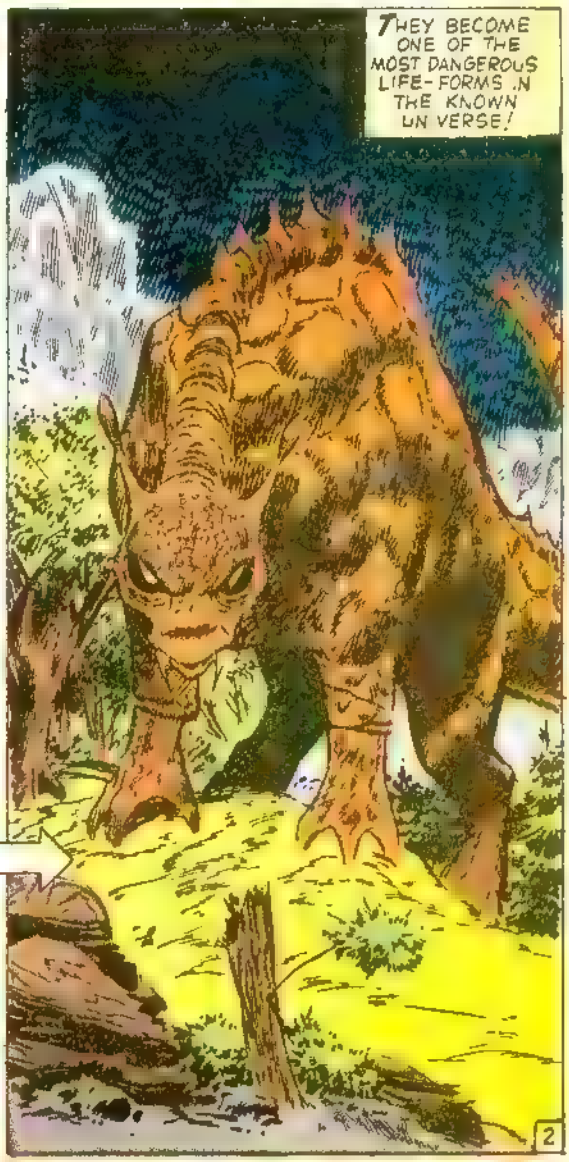


UNKNOWN TO THESE CREATURES, THERE IS ***ANOTHER*** TYPE OF LIFE FORM ON THAT PLANET WHICH ALSO ABSORBS THE RAYS OF THAT STAR! A STRANGE AND TERRIBLE LIFE FORM--BUT STILL IN A DORMANT STATE--SMALLER THAN A COMMON EARTH HOUSE FLY!



HOWEVER, THEY DON'T REMAIN THAT WAY FOR LONG! WITH THE NOURISHING WARMTH THEY RECEIVE, THEY SOON BEGIN TO ***DEVELOP!***

THEY BECOME ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS LIFE-FORMS IN THE KNOWN UNIVERSE!



THEY GROW... AND GROW... AND GROW...

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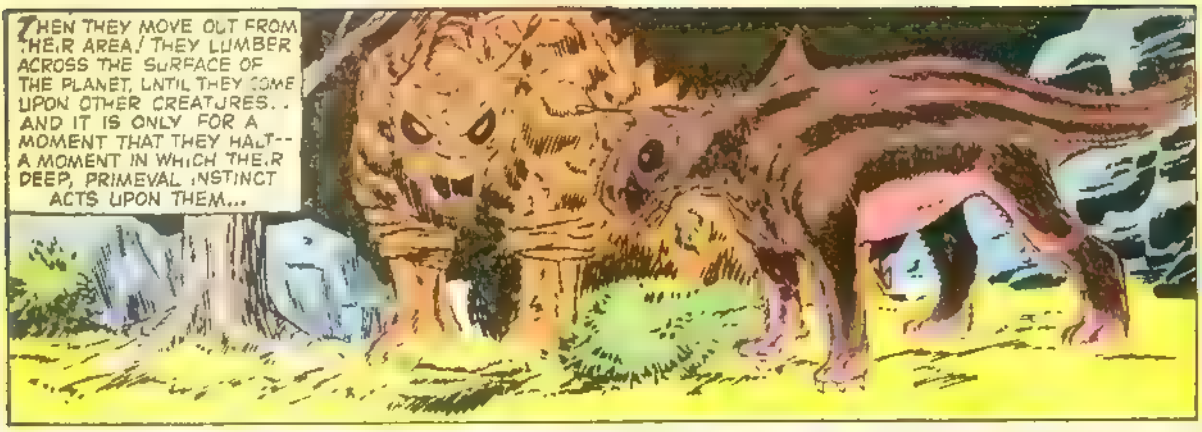
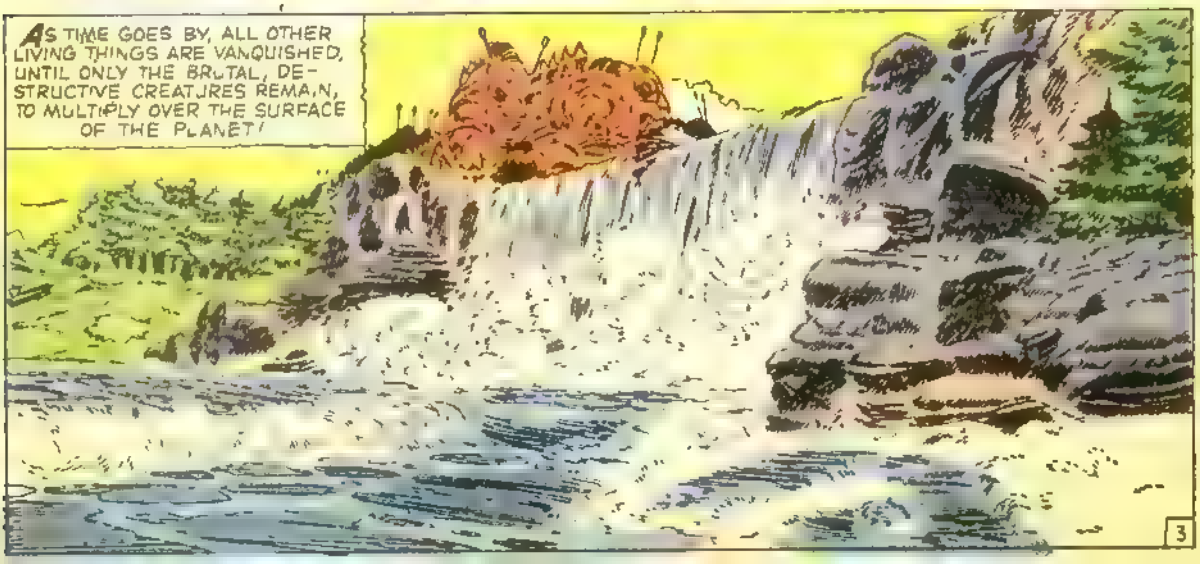
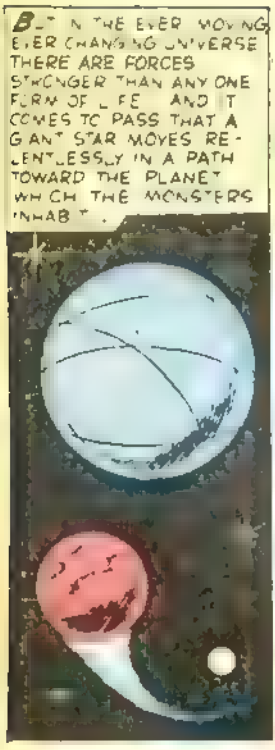

THEN THEY MOVE OUT FROM THEIR AREA! THEY LUMBER ACROSS THE SURFACE OF THE PLANET, UNTIL THEY COME UPON OTHER CREATURES.. AND IT IS ONLY FOR A MOMENT THAT THEY HALT-- A MOMENT IN WHICH THEIR DEEP, PRIMEVAL INSTINCT ACTS UPON THEM...

THEN WITH A BLIND, MEANINGLESS CERTAINTY THAT LIVED A MILLION YEARS BEFORE REASON, THEY KNOW! THEY KNOW THAT THEY HAVE TO ATTACK AND DESTROY CREATURES OTHER THAN THEIR OWN KIND!

WITH ALMOST DEMONIAC FIERCENESS, THEY LUNGE AT EVERYTHING THAT MOVES! THEIR STRENGTH IS INCREDIBLE, AND THEIR HELPLESS VICTIMS CANNOT WITHSTAND THE SAVAGE ATTACK...

THE BATTLE CAN END IN ONLY ONE WAY-- VICTORY FOR THE MOST POWERFUL!


AS TIME GOES BY, ALL OTHER LIVING THINGS ARE VANQUISHED, UNTIL ONLY THE BRUTAL, DESTRUCTIVE CREATURES REMAIN, TO MULTIPLY OVER THE SURFACE OF THE PLANET!


BUT IN THE EVER MOVING, EVER CHANGING UNIVERSE THERE ARE FORCES STRONGER THAN ANY ONE FORM OF LIFE... AND IT COMES TO PASS THAT A GIANT STAR MOVES RELENTLESSLY IN A PATH TOWARD THE PLANET WHICH THE MONSTERS INHABIT.

WHEN THE GREAT COSMIC BODIES COLLIDE THE PLANET IS DESTROYED! ALL THE MATURE CREATURES ARE KILLED BUT THE SPORES OF THAT MONSTROUS SPECIES--THOSE TINY LARVAE--ARE HURLED OUT INTO SPACE!

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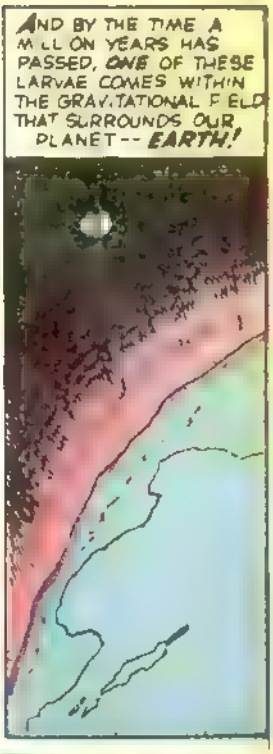
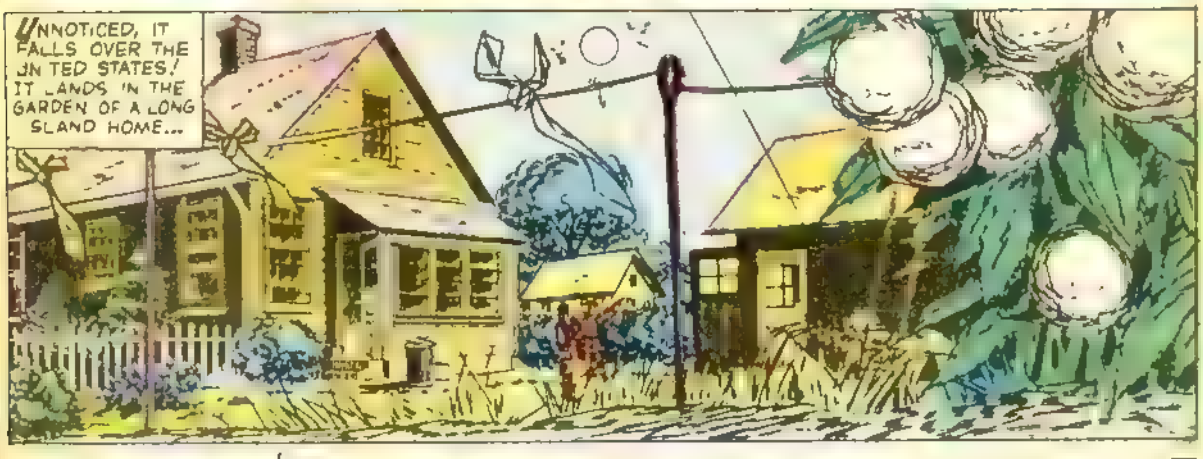
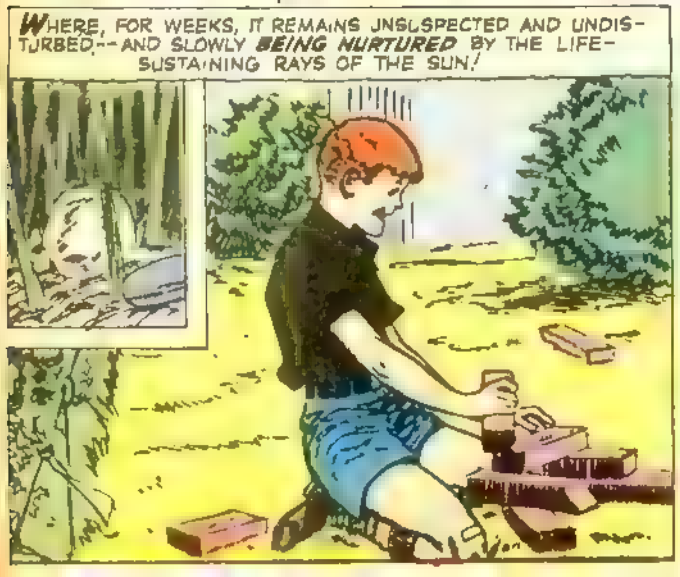
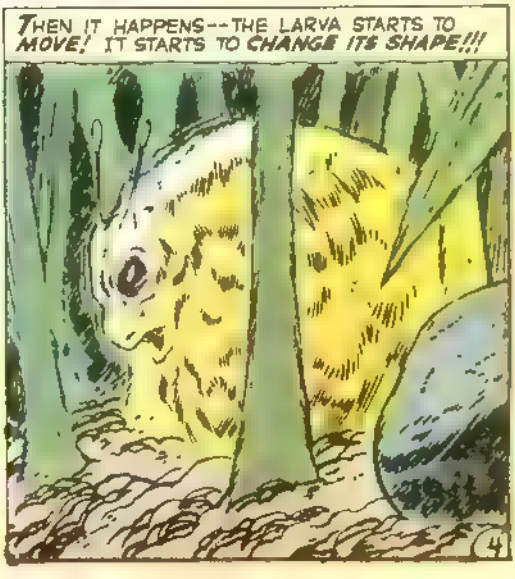

AND BY THE TIME A MILLION YEARS HAS PASSED, ONE OF THESE LARVAE COMES WITHIN THE GRAVITATIONAL FIELD THAT SURROUNDS OUR PLANET--EARTH!


UNNOTICED, IT FALLS OVER THE UNITED STATES! IT LANDS IN THE GARDEN OF A LONG ISLAND HOME...


WHERE, FOR WEEKS, IT REMAINS UNSUSPECTED AND UNDISTURBED--AND SLOWLY BEING NURTURED BY THE LIFE-SUSTAINING RAYS OF THE SUN!


THEN IT HAPPENS--THE LARVA STARTS TO MOVE! IT STARTS TO CHANGE ITS SHAPE!!!
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BUT WHILE IN THE PROCESS OF CHANGING, WHILE STILL SMALL AND HELPLESS, A SILENT, SERPENTINE FIGURE SLITHERS TOWARD IT!
IT'S THE FIGURE OF A GARTER SNAKE, AN EARTH CREATURE THAT AT THIS MOMENT IS SEARCHING FOR FOOD...
AND AS THE SNAKE GRABS AND SWALLOWS THE LARVA, IT ENDS THE LIFE OF THE TINY ALIEN!
HEY--A GARTER SNAKE!
THE SNAKE IS THEN PICKED UP BY THE LITTLE BOY WHO RUNS WITH IT TO HIS MOTHER...
LOOK, MA! LOOK WHAT I FOUND! A REAL, LIVE GARTER SNAKE! CAN I KEEP HIM FOR A PET--CAN I??
UGH! CERTAINLY NOT! GET RID OF THAT AWFUL, SLIMY THING! SNAKES ARE THE ONE FORM OF LIFE I CAN'T STAND! THEY'RE THE ONLY CREATURES THAT ARE OF NO EARTHLY USE!
IT WAS MANY LONG YEARS AGO WHEN IT HAPPENED, AND, AS YOU MAY HAVE GUESSED, I WAS THAT BOY! SINCE THAT VERY DAY, THE DREAM HAS COME TO ME EACH YEAR AT THAT SAME TIME! PERHAPS THERE WAS NO SUCH PLANET--NO SUCH CREATURE WHICH MIGHT HAVE GROWN HUGE ENOUGH TO MENACE MANKIND! BUT I KNOW SINCE THAT DAY, I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO HARM A SERPENT!
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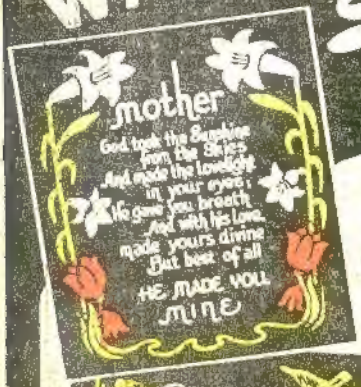

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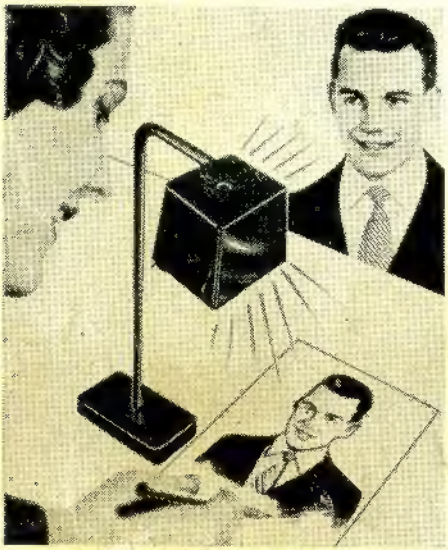

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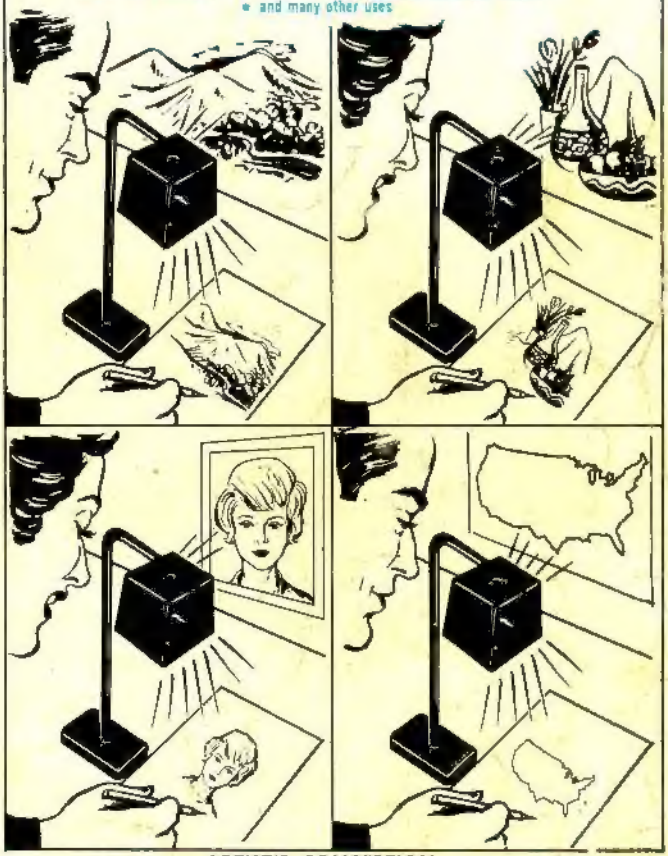

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